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## MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on September 7, 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A response has not been provided for the objection to page 9, line 24 of the specification, or to the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 1, line 13. Further, claims 11 and 12 have not been sufficiently reviewed and corrected in response to the rejection thereof; for example, in claim 11, line 16, "said feeding means" lacks positive antecedent basis; in line 24, said second draw roller lacks antecedent basis; in lines 29-30 (and 31), "said sensor means" lacks positive antecedent basis; in line 30, --the-- or --said-- should be inserted before "motor means"; in line 33, "said second draw roller" lacks positive antecedent basis. Generally, claim 12 includes these same occurrences of vague and indefinite language. Claims 11 and 12 should be carefully reviewed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at (703)308-2187.

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